RULES

AND

REGULATIONS

OF THE

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

OF QUEBEC.

INSTITUTED ON 1st APRIL, 1834.
REVISED AND FINALLY APPROVED OF 2nd JULY, 1839.

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OFFICE BEARERS.

JOHN FREW, ... PRESIDENT.
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MURDOCH M'KENZIE, ... TREASURER.
JOHN GEMMEL, ... SECRETARY.

HUGH ROSE, CHS. CRAN, } Key Keepers.

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JOHN M'CORMICK,
DANIEL M'DONALD,
JAMES M'LEISH,
JAMES GIBB,
WILLIAM HAMILTON,
WILLIAM CLARK.

INTRODUCTION.

This Society was constituted on the 1st day of April 1834. The Constituent Members, in order to make their intentions beneficial to themselves, and others who might aftewards be admitted into the Society, framed sundry Rules and Regulations for the government thereof; reserving to themselves, and the Society at large, the power to add to, or alter the same, as times and circumstances should render it necessary.

The Society therefore, with the consent of the Members at large, have, at different periods since that time, made such additions to and alterations on these Rules and Regulations as to them appeared necessary. And having now resolved to reprint the whole, including all the additions and alterations that have been made, from the original constitution of the society down to this time; they hereby declare their former Rules and Regulations, as heretofore printed to be from this date null and void; the strength and general import of them being contained in those following, which are henceforth declared to be binding upon the Members of this Society, until such time as the same may necessarily and constitutionally be altered, it being understood to be in the power of the Society at large to make further alteration thereon.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS, &c.

I. That on no conditon shall any but Scotchman, or the Sons of Members be admitted; and that only under the following ages and conditions, viz: from 18 to 45 years of age, on paying Ten Shillings currency, entrance money; and from 45 to 55 years of age on paying the same entrance money and the monthly assessments herein after provided for the period they may be above the age of 45 years.

II. That any person proposed to become a Member must be recommended at a General Meeting by a Member of the Society, when his character will be investigated, and he cannot be elected but by a majority of votes; and when duly elected his name must remain three years on the books of the Society before he can claim or derive any benefit therefrom.

III. That the benefits of this Society will be confined to Members only. Any person subject to any hereditary disease cannot under any consideration be admitted.

IV. That for the management of this Society, there shall be a Committee of twelve Members, whose duty it shall be to take a general account of all monies and matters, with this exception, that no member can be admitted except at a general meeting of the Society; and that no law can be erased, or any new law made except at a general meeting, specially called for that purpose: but in all other respects the Committee shall have the entire and absolute management of all affairs appertaining to the Society, and are at liberty to call meetings of the members when they may deem it necessary.

V. That the Committee of Management shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and eight managing Members, who are to be elected annually; the election to take place on the First Tuesday of the month of November in each year.

The Secretary is to give a week's notice of every meeting that is to take place for the election of Office Bearers. Members elected refusing to serve will be subjected to pay a fine of five shillings, currency, each; they are to notify their decision to the Secretary within a week. All fines must be paid at the first regular meeting after the election,—defaulters will be struck off the Books of the Society.

VI. That there shall be a General Meeting of the members of this Society, on the First Tuesday of every month, at which every member shall be assessed one shilling and three pence, currency, for the benefit of the funds of the Society. That all members residing in the city not paying, or neglecting to send their assessments in the course of six months, shall be fined six pence, and for every subsequent month, three pence; and if they do not pay their full amount of assessments and fines before the expiration of twelve months they shall be struck off the Books of the Society, and shall be no longer members of the Society. Members residing in the country falling in arrears in the payment of their assessments and fines shall only be fined six pence for any time over six or under twelve months, but if they do not pay before the expiration of twelve months, they shall be treated as above expressed quoad members residing in the city of Quebec.

VII. That any member allowing his name to be erased from the Books of the Society, shall, if he wishes to rejoin, only be admitted on paying the usual entrance money, and remaining three years on the Books as formerly.

VIII. That any one who has been a member of this Society for three years and should die at the expiration of that time, or at any future period while his name remains on the books as a member, his widow, or if not married, his nearest relations, shall be paid, out of the funds of the Society, Five Pounds, currency, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of his funeral; if he has no relations, in the neighbourhood, then the management of the burial shall be taken by the Office Bearers of the Society, who shall expend the above sum thereon, after deducting his arrears to the Society, if any be due.

IX. That if any member's wife should die after his becoming a benefit member he shall be paid the sum of Three Pounds, currency, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of her

funeral; or if he should die first, then at the time of his wife's decease (provided she remain the widow of such member) her relations shall be paid the money. Should any member marry a second time, during the period of his benefit membership, no allowance for his second wife will be made, provided the allowance has been paid for the first wife of such member.

X. Every member having paid his contributions for and during the space of three years, who shall be incapacitated to follow his profession, trade or ordinary occupation, either on account of sickness, lameness, blindness or other infirmity whatsoever, shall be paid Ten Shillings, currency, per week, for and during the first twelve successive weeks of the time he may be so incapacitated, and Five Shilling, currency, per week so long as he shall remain so incapacitated after deducting his monthly assessments, and such arrears as may be due by him to the Society.

XI. The Office Bearers of the Society will, on the evening of their election, make choice out of their number of eight members to visit sick benefit members. These eight Office Bearers, two in succession each Quarter, shall, weekly, visit all the sick members of the Society who may be upon the benefit list; and if any suspicion or any ground for suspicion appears that any member was instrumental in bringing disease upon himself, and thereby rendering himself unfit for work, or otherwise imposing upon the society, the Office Bearers shall immediately apply to the Surgeon or Surgeons who are in the habit of visiting such member, or obtain any other proof that will lead to conviction; and upon such being found to be the case, this person shall instantly cease to be a member of the Society, and he shall forfeit all he may have paid into it, and all right and title thereunto, besides being held unworthy of ever after being admitted a member of the Society.

XII. Members living at a distance or in any of the Townships are to forward a certificate attested by a Magistrate or the Minister of the Parish, stating their illness in the form following, viz:

"I have been detained from my
"employment for the space of days by sickness, being
"afflicted as attested below.

ATTESTATION.

" Having visited the above
" this day of 18 , we certify the above
" to be true.

When they will receive with all due diligence the alimentary allowance to which they may be entitled. Should the Office Bearers require it, the member claiming the aliment will be bound to forward a Doctor's certificate, stating the nature of the illness, and should it appear that the same was caused by any act of his own, his name will be erased from the Books of the Society, and hewill be held unworthy of ever being re-admitted.

XIII. That any member of the Society who knows another member to be ailing shall forthwith acquaint one of the Office Bearers for the time being, who will inform the President, who is enjoined to order the visiting Office Bearers to visit such member, and pay him his aliment, or report him to the Office Bearers, as the case may be.

XIV. That when this Society is met for the purpose of electing Office Bearers for the ensuing year, the Secretary shall call over the names of the twelve Office Bearers elected, who are to answer to their names and remain standing in order that the members may have an opportunity of seeing and knowing them by their names; the twelve persons elected to serve as Office Bearers shall then retire, and choose a President and Vice-President from amongst the twelve, after this they are to name the other Office Bearers, and in case of equality of votes, the President is to have the casting vote. If the persons chosen to act as Office Bearers should refuse to accept of their offices, they shall be obliged to pay the sum of five shillings, currency, each, the said fine to be immediately paid, or at the next regular meeting of the members, and the late Office Bearers shall continue in their offices until the first regular meeting of the members after the election; and other Office Bearers shall be elected at the next monthly meeting to fill up the vacancies of such of the Office Bearers as may have resigned or declined accepting office; it being understood and expressly declared that no member shall be entitled to vote at any of such elections or be eligible as an Office Bearer if he shall stand in arrears to to the Society.

XV. That every Office Bearer shall attend all monthly meetings of the Society; and when duly warned by the President or Secretary all special meetings thereof, and if absent shall be liable in and obliged to pay a fine of seven pence half penny. The President to have the power to excuse such fine, if the defaulter shall offer and substantiate a sufficient excuse for his absence; five Office Bearers to form a quorum at all meetings of the Society.

XVI. That the Treasurer's duty shall be to receive all debts due to the Society, and to pay all disbursements by the directions of the other Office Bearers or agreably to the articles of the Society, and the Secretary shall keep an account thereof; and on the evening of every election the Treasurer shall be obliged to settle all his accounts with regard to the Society, and shall transfer or deliver over to his successor in office all monies, bills or other effects whatsoever belonging to the Society.

XVII. That the box belonging to the Society with two outside locks and keys (and a small inside drawer, with a lock and key, in which are and shall be deposited all monies or bills belonging to the Society, excepting what monies are ordered to be deposited in Bank) shall contain the Books and other writings, &c., of the Society.

XVIII. The Office Bearers shall select two of their number to whom the outside keys of the box shall be confided; and the Treasurer shall have the custody of the key of the inside drawer, containing the monies and bills belonging to the Society.

XIX. That the money when collected for the use of the Society shall be deposited in Bank or otherwise as the Society may direct, excepting such a sum as the Office Bearers may think proper to leave in the hands of the Treasurer for necessary uses, which sum is not to exceed £10, currency; the box is not to be opened except in the presence of four acting Office Bearers, each member acting in the contrary shall forfeit the sum of two shillings and six pence, currency, for each such contravention. Any money lent by the Society shall be on proper and good security, at least two sufficient securities for each sum, and no member shall be taken as security for another member; all bills and bonds to be drawn and accepted payable one day after date, and to be made payable to the Treasurer for the time being, who

shall endorse or transfer the same (without recourse) to his successor in office when and so soon as he may resign, or another may be elected in his stead.

XX. That if any any Officer Bearer shall have occasion to leave this city or suburbs, he must notify the same to the President, and another member shall be elected to supply his place, at the first monthly meeting thereafter.

XXI. That no Office Bearer or Member shall publish any of the Society's private business, or make known who voted for or against any applicant's admission, as a member under the penalty of five shillings currency, for his first offence, and for any subsequent such offence, expulsion from the Society.

XXII. That if any member shall upbraid another as to what benefit he may have received from the funds, he shall, for the first offence forfeit 2s. 6d., for the second 5s., and for every subsequent offence of the kind, 7s. 6s. currency.

XXIII. That if any Office Bearer or Member shall come to any of the Society's Meetings intoxicated, or shall be disorderly in conduct or conversation, using oaths or imprecations, or abusive language, and disobedient when called to order, he shall be fined according to the decree of the Court of Office Bearers, in any sum not exceeding two shillings and six pence currency, but if any member or members shall persist in any of the aforesaid offences he or they shall be expelled the meeting for that day or night.

XXIV. That at all meetings of the Society, the President shall endeavour to preserve good order, and in the time of business, every member shall direct his speech to the President, one after another, and not enter into private committees, disturbing or retarding the Society's business, and he or they so offending shall, for the first offence, forfeit one penny, for the second three pence, and for every future offence seven pence half-penny each.

XXV. That if any member, receiving benefit from the Society, shall be known, during that time, to get drunk, or in any other way to conduct himself so as to prolong his illness, by which he will injure the Society, any one member guilty of the above abominable practices, and upon sufficient proof thereof being obtained, shall be expelled the Society and lose right and

title as a member, and shall forfeit all that he may have already paid into the funds thereof, besides being held unworthy of ever being re-admitted.

XXVI. That if any dispute should arise between the Society and any members, the same shall only be decided by the majority of the members present at a general meeting specially called to consider and decide upon such dispute.

XXVII. That at the decease of any benefit member of the Society, each member shall be assessed one shilling, currency, (for the purpose of supporting the funds thereof) which assessment shall be paid at or before the first General Meeting of the Members, under the penalty of having such assessment doubled each subsequent month, and if it is not paid before the Annual Meeting of the Members, on the 30th day of November, the defaulter will be liable to whatever fine the Committee may think proper to impose; members residing beyond the bounds of the City of Quebec, will have six months after the funeral to pay, but if not paid in that time they will be liable in the penalty above expressed.

XXVIII. That each member of the Society, at least such as may be regularly warned in any way the Office Bearers shall deem it proper, must attend the funeral of each deceased member unless he can furnish an excuse to the satisfaction of the Office Bearers under the penalty of 1s. 3d. each, to be paid at the first monthly meeting after the funeral.

LASTLY. That all persons becoming Members of this Society shall be understood, upon their entrance thereto, to have subscribed and be bound by these Rules and Articles finally agreed to and declared to be the standing Code of Rules for the management thereof, at a General Meeting held this 2nd July, 1839, any law or practice to the contrary notwithstanding.